



Biography

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Captain (CAPT) Martin Sanders is Interim Director of the Division of Occupational Preparedness and Emergency Response at Federal Occupational Health (FOH), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He is responsible for managing, strengthening, and centralizing emergency activities within FOH as well as providing training on preparedness and emergency response to our federal customers.

Prior to joining FOH, CAPT Sanders served as Acting Director of the Office of Health and Safety for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He was actively involved in the areas of biosafety and biosecurity on both the national and international level. While at the CDC, CAPT

Sanders was charged with protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the CDC workforce as they faced the public health challenges associated with this era of increasing globalization, bioterrorism, and emerging infectious diseases. CAPT Sanders' office led CDC's Biosafety, Laboratory and Animal Safety activities; radiation, chemical, and facility safety activities; environmental and compliance activities; and workplace wellness and prevention initiatives. CAPT Sanders's other responsibilities included industrial hygiene programs; agency-wide safety training; and deployment health and safety.

CAPT Sanders received his commission in the United States Public Health Service (PHS) in 2002. He began his career as the Biological Safety Officer and Chief of the Community Health Branch for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD. He holds a Ph.D. in Immunology and Infectious Diseases from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health/Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases. CAPT Sanders is also an American Biological Safety Association (ABSA) Certified Biological Safety Professional.

CAPT Sanders is a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served as Chief, Biological Threat Assessment for the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory from 2000 to 2001. He has also served as a field epidemiologist for the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where he led infectious disease outbreak investigations.

CAPT Sanders has served on the executive steering committee overseeing the new edition of "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories," the cornerstone document for biosafety guidance in the United States. In addition to numerous PHS activities and Awards, CAPT Sanders was awarded the Commissioned CORPs Scientist Officer of the Year Award in 2007 for his work in the scientific achievements.